

## **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee January 28, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Call to Order/Introduction of All Present**

- . **Members:** Lori Cherry, David Lighthall, Stephen Lewis, Nicholas D. Paladino, Nancy Ellis, Philip Decker, David Moll
- . **Absent:** Joseph Guagliardo
- . **Staff:** Bryan Jones, Martin Wendels, Richard Keck, Denise Buckley
- . **Visitors:** Jeff Clark, John Adams, Alaia Howell, Bobbie Jensen-McKee, Anthony Molina, Kendall Simsarian, Ed Smith

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the December 10, 2009, BPAC meeting were approved with one minor spelling correction.

### **3. Bicycle Master Plan Update**

Jeff Clark of Fehr and Peers gave an update on the development of the new BMP. He reported that the three recent public workshops to review the existing conditions map and the vision bikeways system went well. Several good comments were received. The next steps include incorporating the public comments into the vision bikeways system, developing the priority projects lists, and doing the environmental work. The draft priority project lists should be presented to the BPAC at its March meeting. The consultant and city staff intend to take the draft plan and environmental document to the City Council for review in a workshop format. The staff anticipates final adoption of the BMP in June, 2010.

### **4. Fresno County Bicycle Plan**

John Adams of the county's Public Works and Planning Department briefed the BPAC on the county's efforts to write a bicycle transportation plan. The county is preparing this new plan in-house. Mr. Adams referred to this plan as an update of the county's 1975 Bikeways Plan. He described how the county's plan will be coordinated with the city's BMP and the city of Clovis' update of its bicycle plan. He stated that this county plan will be a "bare-boned" plan that meets the minimum requirements of state law. The plan will target three funding sources--the Bicycle Transportation Account, the Safe Routes to Schools programs, and Measure C funds. The project list in this plan will be urban oriented to compete for BTA funding. This plan will be street and road oriented, thus emphasizing bike lanes. The county staff intends to take the plan to the Board of Supervisors for adoption in August, 2010. Multi-purpose trails will be addressed in a follow-on Trails Plan.

### **5. The 2010 Bike Campaign Update**

Bryan Jones provided an update on the 2010 Bike Fresno Campaign. The overall goal of the campaign is to encourage bicycling for utility, recreation, and health. An important aspect of the campaign will be the [ibikefresno.org](http://ibikefresno.org) website. The website, currently under construction, has an active Facebook page that now has over 1200 friends. The goal is to connect all cyclists in the Fresno/Clovis region and to be a source of information for all things cycling in the region. Bryan encouraged the BPAC members to join the Facebook page. JP Marketing is soliciting sponsorships for the campaign and the associated Public Service Announcements that will

encourage cycling. There will be a “Resuscitate Your Bike” event in late April as a lead in to “May is Bike Month.” The local bike shops will be asked to participate. The date and location had not yet been set. Activities planned for May include the Million Mile May challenge, the Corporate Challenge, and the ride from Manchester Center to downtown.

#### **6. Federal CMAQ Funded Bike Lane Projects**

Bryan Jones provided a brief explanation of recent programming actions of federal CMAQ funds for bicycle lane projects on Gettysburg Avenue from Blackstone to Winery and Millbrook Avenue from Shields to Gettysburg.

#### **7. BPAC Involvement in Selecting Projects for Next Fiscal Year**

Bryan Jones explained how the BPAC will be involved in selecting bike lane and trail projects for the fiscal year 2010/2011 budget. Due to timing issues with completion of the BMP and the process of developing the Mayor’s budget, the committee will not have input into the Mayor’s budget which goes to the City Council in May. However, upon completion of the BMP, the staff and the BPAC will discuss what projects the city will work to design and construct in 2011. The staff will then go back to the Council with an amended FY 2010/2011 budget identifying those projects.